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C O N F I D E N T I A L USUN 0219

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TAGS: PARM, UN, XT
SUBJECT: WEO GROUP: PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR SPECIAL
SESSION ON DISARMAMENT

REF: USUN 58

1. AT JANUARY 27 MEETING, WEO GROUP AGREED ON ALLOCATION
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OF ITS 13 SEATS ON PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR 1978 SPECIAL
UNGA SESSION ON DISARMAMENT. IN ADDITION TO US, UK AND
FRANCE, THE FOLLOWING TEN COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN SELECTED:
AUSTRALIA, AUSTRIA, BELGIUM, CANADA, FRG, ITALY, NORWAY,
SPAIN, SWEDEN AND TURKEY.

2. IN BEHIND-THE-SCENES NEGOTIATIONS AMONG SUBGROUPS,

NETHERLANDS WITHDREW IN FAVOR OF BELGIUM AND ITALY, AND FINLAND WITHDREW IN FAVOR OF NORWAY AND SWEDEN. NORWEGIAN MISSION REP HAS TOLD US THAT NORDIC DECISION WAS RESULT OF CONSULTATIONS IN CAPITALS, NOT IN NEW YORK, AND THAT FINNS HAD AGREED TO WITHDRAW THEIR CANDIDATURE DESPIT CONSIDERABLE SOVIET PRESSURE FOR THEM TO PARTICIPATE. AS A FACE-SAVING DEVICE, NORDICS AGREED TO SCENARIO WHEREBY UNGA PRESIDENT AMERASINGHE WOULD BE CREDITED WITH MDDIATING THE FINNISH WITHDRAWAL FROM THE PREPCOM.

3. ALL OTHER REGIONAL GROUPS EXCEPT EAST EUROPEANS HAVE NOW SELECTED THEIR SLATES FOR THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE AS REPORTED REFTEL. EAST EUROPEANS ARE STILL HOLDING OUT FOR AN INCREASE OF THEIR ALLOCATION FROM SIX TO EIGHT SEATS, BUT ASIAN, AFRICAN AND LATIN AMERICAN GROUPS ARE HOLDING FIRM SO FAR AGAINST SOVIET EFFORTS TO ALTER ALLOCATION AMONG REGIONAL GROUPS. SOVIETS OFFERED ASIAN GROUP TRADE-OFF FOR EXTRA ASIAN SEAT ON THE HOSTAGES COMMITTEE BUT HAVE BEEN TURNED DOWN.

4. NORWEGIAN MINISTER COUNSELLOR VRAALSEN AS CHAIRMAN OF THE WEO GROUP IS SENDING JANUARY 27 LETTER TO AMERASINGHE INFORMING HIM OF ITS PREPARATORY COMMITTEE ALLOCATION. AS AGREED BY THE WEO GROUP, THE LETTER INFORMS AMERASINGHE THAT THIS SELECTION IS BASED ON THE "DEFINITE UNDERSTANDING" THAT THERE WILL BE NO CHANGE IN THE NUMBER OF SEATS ASSIGNED TO EACH OF THE REGIONAL GROUPS. THE CLEAR IMPLICATION IS THAT ANY CHANGE TO ACCOMMODATE THE SOVIETS WOULD ENTITLE WEO GROUP TO RE-OPEN THE AHOLE MATTER AGAIN.
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VRAALSEN FURTHER IS REQUESTING AMERASINGHE TO FACILITATE THE PARTICIPATION OF OTHER STATES IN THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS AND TO ALLOW THEM TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS TO IT, CITING RULE 72 OF THE ECOSOC RULES OF PROCEDURE AND RULE 38 OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL PROCEDURES. WE ANTICIPATE THAT A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF COUNTRIES WILL ATTEND PREPCOM MEETINGS AS NON-VOTING OBSERVERS AND PARTICIPANTS.
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